

## **Ministry and Philosophy of Jesus, Part 2**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. We discover that we are children of God by our obedience to Jesus Christ.
- B. Identity: Jesus faced a test regarding his reputation and commitment to the truth.
- C. Reputation: Jesus embraced the servant lifestyle. We must be vulnerable. (John 13)
- D. Text: Luke 5.

### II. Jesus had a cause: he came to bring sinners to repentance.

- A. The Navigator mission is to evangelize, establish and equip.
- B. It is easy to become isolated.
- C. We are the light of the world. Light functions best in darkness.
- D. We need to have contact with nonbelievers, but it needs to be limited.
- E. We cannot get too hung up on old methods. Methods are always the servant of the objective.

### III. Jesus challenged spiritual laundry lists. We should not be intimidated by radicals.

### IV. Jesus focused on disciples. (John 17:4; 19)

### V. There is a cost to ministry.

- A. We will experience emotional abuse.
- B. We will experience physical abuse.
- C. We will experience financial abuse.

### VI. One's self esteem is important in Christ so that one can be secure in any situation.

### VII. Jesus constantly asked questions.

- A. Minister to people by asking questions.
- B. Let people discover truth.

### VIII. Jesus emphasizes balance in the value of faith and works. (Luke 7, Proverbs 9:8-9)

**Application questions:**

1. What are some practical ways contact with nonbelievers can take place?

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2. What are spiritual laundry lists? Why must these be avoided?

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3. How have you experienced the price of ministry? How have you seen others experience this? Why is it important to be aware of this cost?

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